

Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 19, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Caren Wilson, Marga Stone, Sherri Rita, Jeff Angelo, Rick Higgins

**Members Absent:** Patricia Kepler (excused), Mary Guptill (excused), Deborah Levy, Bob Buchanan (excused).

**Guests:**

**Approval of the Previous Meetings Minutes:**

**Committee Liaisons:** None

Reports: Caren and Marga reported their meeting with the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee welcomed the CDAC participate in upcoming events they sponsor, such as a Financial Forum on February 25<sup>th</sup> (providing information on retirement planning, fraud and I.D. theft prevention) and their Health and Wellness Fair held on October 13, 2012.

Old Business:

- CDAC Display Board. Brad provided a mock-up of the display ideas Marga had previously provided. After review, Marga suggested the wording would stand out better if it was white lettering on a black background, and also suggested to provide a colored box around the lettering to help it stand out more. Brad will provide another mock-up with the changes at the next meeting. Once the display is approved by the committee, Brad will have the information laminated and Velcro added. Brad will also send the wording information to Patricia for conversion to braille.
- City Taxi Service for Persons with Disabilities. There was additional discussion on this item. The committee recognizes that setting up such a service would be difficult, the discussion centered on existing taxi services and their responsibilities under the ADA. Sherri volunteered to look into information from the Easter Seals that provides educational information on rights and responsibilities for taxi services under the ADA. Sherri will forward the information to Brad, who can forward it on to the Committee.

New Business:

- Introductions and Welcome New Committee Members. Caren welcomed the new members present and had a round of introductions. Caren also provided an outline of possible meeting topic and events for 2012.

- CDAC Mission Statement. A copy of the Committee's mission statement was provided for the new members for information on the committee's purpose.
- 2011 CDAC Accomplishments. Caren provide a list of the Committee's accomplishments for 2011.
- 'Ten Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities'. Patricia provided the DVD for viewing by the committee. The program provided an insightful (and humorous) look at common mistakes made when communicating with disabled people. It was suggested that this video could be presented a future events, such as the City Picnics-in the Park.
- Chair and Vice-Chair for 2012. A new Chair and Vice-Chair needs to be chosen for 2012. Due to time, this item was tabled to the February meeting.
- ADA Regulation Taking Affect March 15, 2012. Sherri asked to talk about what CDAC and the City of Beaverton will be doing in order to monitor and encourage compliance with the ADA regulations that will be taking effect March 15th of this year. Sherri provided a handout from the U.S. Department of Justice that gave an overview of the changes. Sherri suggested the Committee members review the information for further discussion at the February meeting. The information is available at the following:  
[http://www.ada.gov//revised\\_effective\\_dates-2010.pdf](http://www.ada.gov//revised_effective_dates-2010.pdf)
- Sherri spoke about the BluePath program. This program helps businesses identify accessibility barriers and offers suggestions for removing the barriers. It also helps people with disabilities find businesses that are usable and committed to serving them. Sherri suggested exploring the role of the Committee in getting the word out to businesses about the program and unique marketing opportunity it provides. Sherri made a motion for the Committee to discuss the prospect of participating in the BluePath program. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed. The link to the BluePath website is: <http://blue-path.com/>

Next Meeting: February 16, 2012